

Commissioners in action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting June 16. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 23 at 10 a.m.

At the June 7 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. for Solid Waste Area C4 Phase 3 Redesign.

According to LCDU Executive Director Rick Martin, the county is planning a 63-acre vertical and lateral expansion at the Lake County Solid Waste Facility. The fee of \$224,900 is for a revised permit application and responses to the EPA for June 2011 through December 2012. Other services include drawing revisions and updates, design calculations, slope stability calculations, groundwater monitoring and assessment reports, and development of hydrogeologic site investigation report.

- Resolution certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.

JOB AND FAMILY

SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing execution of a professional service agreement between Crossroads: Lake County Adolescent Counseling Service and the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services for a bullying prevention and intervention training program in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

- Resolution approving Lake County Department of Job and Family Services vouchers date of warrant June 13, 2011, in the amount

of \$272,663.85.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$90,189.13; Workforce Investment, \$87,636.66; Child Support Enforcement, \$340; and Child Welfare, \$94,526.06.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Resolution authorizing payment to various Lake County police prosecutors for the first half of 2011.

The payments are \$160 for James M. Lyons, Grand River and \$600 for Lisa M. Klammer, Mentor.

- Resolution advertising for bids for the Lake County Crime Laboratory ADA compliance and renovation project for the Lake County Prosecutor's Office with a bid opening date of June 29.

"The prosecutor has indicated a need for some renovations, also to be ADA compliant over at the Crime Lab," said Commissioner Dan Troy. "This whole operation, the building and the program, are underwritten by a voted levy..."

The estimated cost of the project is \$825,000.

- Resolution authorizing execution of the eighth amendment (ODO Grant Control Number 06-035H ADMN) to the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Grant Agreement (ROUND III) with the Ohio Department of Development.

This extends the agreement to Sept. 5.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement between Michael Benza & Associates, Inc. and The Lake County Board of Commissioners in an amount not to exceed \$22,700.

This is for a review of the storm drainage system in Center Park Estates in Painesville Township.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of \$1,658,093.01.

- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$296,069.16.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for various non general fund accounts.

- Resolution transferring appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution declaring June 15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Lake County.

County budget continues to decrease

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LAKE COUNTY - Each year the county must prepare a tax budget for the following year. The Lake County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on its proposed budget for 2012 prior to its June 7 meeting.

The accounts involved are the Lake County General Fund, Child Welfare Fund, Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund, ADAMHS Board Fund, Narcotics Agency Fund, Forensic Crime Lab Fund and Senior Citizens Services Levy Fund.

The totals are split out for the estimated revenues and the total expenditures for each fund and the breakdown of property tax, homestead rollback, local government fund, state reimbursements and then all other revenues.

"The major concern for the county is the general fund of course," said Budget Director Mike Matas. "Currently, our estimate of revenue is \$55.1 million. Next year, with all the proposals at the state level and so forth, it's estimated at approximately \$52 million."

He said income from all

sources continue to decline.

Commissioner Dan Troy noted state law requires the tax budget to be passed by July 15 each year. The funds outside of the general fund are all from tax levies the voters approved and the budgets must be prepared to justify those levies.

Board President Ray Sines called for public comments, but there were none. He said the commissioners would have the final vote on the budget at the Thursday, July 7 board meeting. The public could send comments on the budget to the board until that time.

Kirtland

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moves forward on a series of projects

by BUD MARTELLO

KIRTLAND - At the Kirtland City council meeting June 6, financial legislation to accomplish a series of urgent projects was moved forward.

Funds will be transferred from specific bond funds to the general obligation fund to pay for the new sanitary sewer system.

Also passing was emergency legislation authorizing Mayor Mark Tyler to reaffirm the city's commitment with the Lake County Board of Commissioners to participate in the urban entitlement Community Development Block Grant program for the utilization of funds from the Housing and Community Development act of 1974.

Going to third reading were a series of ordinance requests by the mayor to move city projects forward: 11-O-25 to issue funds in the amount of \$640,000 for sanitary sewer improvements; 11-O-26 to issue funds to

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make repairs at the intersection of routes 6 and 306; 11-O-27 will issue \$350,000 for Route 6 resurfacing; 11-O-28 asks for \$180,000 to improve the turn lanes at Lakeland Community College and Kirtland roads, to be done in conjunction with the city of Willoughby; 11-O-29 will provide \$165,000 for a new "squad" ambulance; 11-O-30 spends \$160,000 to fix the Sperry Road - Route 6 intersection that has been the bane of residents along that road's intersection; 11-O-31 will buy the service department a new motor vehicle at

a cost of \$135,000; 11-O-32 provides another \$95,000 for the sewer system; 11-O-33 allows the city to participate to the extent of \$90,000 with Willoughby, Mentor and the Ohio Department of Transportation in the signalization of Route 306; 11-O-34 asks for \$75,000 for vehicles and equipment for the service department; and 11-O-35 asks for \$75,000 to pay for the emergency radio system.

These ordinances will move through the approval process at the next regular council meeting.